

## House Resolution No. 469

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Lester “Bud” Capps, an esteemed resident of Camdenton, Missouri, who officially retired from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in May 2002; and

**Whereas**, throughout his impressive tenure as a Park Maintenance Worker at Ha Ha Tonka State Park in Camdenton, Bud Capps put forth a tremendous amount of effort to make the Park a favorite attraction for tourists and local residents alike; and

**Whereas**, Bud Capps grew up in the shadow of Ha Ha Tonka, where his parents served as caretakers before it was a State Park, and later joined the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a temporary seasonal laborer; and

**Whereas**, the millions of people who have visited Ha Ha Tonka State Park have greatly enjoyed the facilities that Bud Capps so lovingly cared for over the years; and

**Whereas**, Bud Capps participated in the controlled burns to restore savanna landscape at Ha Ha Tonka, serving on the firelines for most of the burns; and

**Whereas**, more than one hundred inmates from the Missouri Department of Corrections worked closely with Bud Capps, helping care for the Park and learning the important values of hard work; and

**Whereas**, Bud Capps carved pumpkins, made decorations, and served as a hayride driver, marshmallow toaster, and parking lot attendant for the annual Ha Ha Haunt held each October; and

**Whereas**, Bud Capps has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife, Georgene, who has proudly supported his long and illustrious career; and

**Whereas**, Bud Capps will be recognized for his many contributions to Ha Ha Tonka State Park during a special retirement celebration and dinner to be held in his honor:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Bud Capps for his fifteen years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lester “Bud” Capps.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Wayne Cooper, M.D.  
District No. 155

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 469, adopted February 10, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker